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SUBJECT: UNFDAC PROGRAM IN LPDR AND DEMARCHE ON SWISS GOVERNMENT

REF: (A) STATE 62856 (NOTAL); (B) GENEVA 3728 (NOTAL); (C) STATE 56352 (NOTAL); (D) GENEVA 3307 (NOTAL)

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICER APRIL 6, UNFDAC DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WELLMAN SAID THAT THE FUND HAD INFORMED LPDR THAT IT WISHED TO EFFECTUATE CROP SUBSTITUTION SECTION OF UNFDAC/LAOS AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS, THAT IS, IN A MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF TRADITIONAL OPIUM CULTIVATION. THE FUND ADDED THAT IF THE LPDR IDENTIFIED AN APPROPRIATE SITE, THE FUND WOULD BE WILLING TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO SEEK OTHER FINANCING FOR BAN DONE PROJECT, EITHER FROM IFI'S OR FROM GOVERNMENTS.
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2. WELLMAN MENTIONED THAT MR. SAENGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND MR. ARNAUD, DIRECTOR UN PROGRAM FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN LAOS, HAD RECENTLY CALLED UPON THE SWISS DEVELOPMENT AID OFFICIALS IN BERN TO SOUND OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SWISS FINANCING FOR THE BAN DONE PROJECT. HE SAID THE SWISS

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REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER.

3. WELLMAN MENTIONED ALSO THAT DR. REXED, UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WAS INTRIGUED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING THE CROP SUBSTITUTION SITE UNDER THE AGREEMENT IN AN AREA RELATIVELY CLOSE BY THE BAN DONE SITE, SO THAT WORK IN EACH MIGHT BE COMPLEMENTARY TO AND SERVE AS A MONITORING BASE FOR THE OTHER.

4. MISSION NOTES THAT INSTRUCTIONS ARE EXTANT REQUESTING BERN TO MAKE A DEMARCHE UPON SWISS GOVERNMENT TO SEEK CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC (REFS C AND D). IN VIEW OF US MISGIVINGS RE BAN DONE PROJECT, AND POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION OF PROPOSED DEMARCHE TO SWISS AS BEING SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT PROPOSED DEMARCHE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE INDEFINITELY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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